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In re Application of  
Jacques Beckmann et al.  
Serial No.: 08/836,734  
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This is in response to applicants' petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed July 30, 2001, to withdraw the abandonment of the above identified application based on timely filing of a reply.

A review of the file history shows that the examiner mailed an Office action to applicants on April 30, 2001, setting a one month shortened statutory period for reply. On July 13, 2001, the examiner mailed a Notice of abandonment to applicants. Inasmuch as the period for reply could be extended to and beyond July 13, 2001, the Notice of Abandonment was mailed improperly. In view thereof the Notice of Abandonment mailed July 13, 2001 is vacated and the application is restored to pending status with the mailing of this decision.

Applicants' petition is **GRANTED**.

**As applicants have now filed a timely reply, including the appropriate extension of time required, the application will be forwarded to the examiner for further consideration.**

Should there be any questions with respect to this decision, please contact William R. Dixon, Jr., by mail addressed to: Director, Technology Center 1600, Washington, D.C. 20231, or by telephone at (703)308-3824 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 308-7230.

  
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